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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN SIT REP

1. SOVIET AMB HAS INFORMED COLLEAGUES THAT HE DEPARTS MAY 30
FOR 6-8 WEEKS LEAVE. IN FACT HE IS DUE FOR VACATION.

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THAT USAR AMBASSADOR DEPARTED TODAY.

OTHER DIPLOMATIC NEWS IS

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2. ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND HAS ISSUED APPEAL TO ALL CAMBODIANS. APPEAL STATES THAT DURING PAST TWO MONTHS, DESPITE LACK OF MEANS AND LACK OF COMBAT EXPERIENCE, THE ARMED FORCES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VICTORIOUS ON NUMEROUS BATTLEFIELDS. APPEAL REVIEWS SOME OF THESE SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS AND GIVE EXAMPLES OF TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF VC/NVNA BECAUSE OF LOSS OF SANCTUARIES AND STORES.

A. ENEMY IS ADMITTEDLY CLEVER, BUT VC/NVNA "ARE NOT AS STRONG AS WE BELIEVED". THE ENEMY REMAINS CAPABLE OF CAUSING DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY AMONG RURAL POPULATION. THESE RURAL GROUPS MUST REMAIN COOL AND MUST BE PERSUADED THAT WE WILL SURELY WIN BECAUSE "OUR MONKS

OUR YOUTH, OUR CIVIL SERVANTS, AND MILITARY FORCES ARE CLOSELY UNITED TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY AND OURSELVES."

B. TO OBTAIN VICTORY, HIGH COMMAND RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING FOR THOSE IN COUNTRYSIDE:

1) VILLAGE COMMITTEES WILL RECOMMEND THE HIDING OF RICE IN SUCH MANNER THAT VC/NVNA CANNOT FIND IT. (THOSE WHO GIVE FOODSTUFFS WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED);

2) VILLAGERS SHOULD FLEE UPON THE APPROACH OF VC/NVNA;

3) HUNGRY AND EXTENDED, VC/NVNA WILL NOT BE SO FIERCE. HIGH

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COMMAND ANNOUNCES THAT REWARDS WILL BE PAID FOR CAPTURING VC/NVNA ALIVE AND DELIVERING THEM TO AUTHORITIES. FOR EACH VC/NVNA CAPTURED CAMBODIAN MEN WILL BE PAID 500 RIELS AND CAMBODIAN WOMEN 1,000 RIELS.

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3. AKP ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT NEW GOVERNOR INSTALLED IN PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE ON APRIL 12. LT COL VOU VA REPLACED LT COL KIM LONG YEANG. DURING TRANSFER CEREMONIES FORMER GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THAT DEFENSE MEASURES AGAINST FUTURE AGGRESSION BY VC/NVNA IN SOUTHWESTERN REGIONS OF PROVINCE HAD BEEN TAKEN. SEVERAL COMMITTEE AND PARA-MILITARY COMMANDO FORCES OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND POPULATION HAD BEEN FORMED FOR DEFENSE. COMMENT: RADIO APPEALS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR LOCAL POPULATIONS TO FORM SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS, BUT THIS IS FIRST INDICATION EMBASSY HAS SEEN THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES TAKING ACTION.

4. FONMIN YEM SAMBAUR AND PARTY RETURNED FROM SAIGON EVENING MAY 27. TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED SAIGON 82 (NOTAL). HIGHLIGHTS ARE: BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

A. "CAMBODIAN MINISTER EXPRESSED THANKS TO CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR COOPERATION VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES WHO HAD ENTERED CAMBODIA IN SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY FOUNDED UPON MUTUAL INTERESTS, SINCERE AND RECIPROCAL CONFIDENCE, AND RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CAMBODIA.

B. "HE (YEM SAMBAUR) RENEWED ASSURANCES OF GOC TO PROTECT LIVES AND GOODS OF VIETNAMESE RESIDING IN CAMBODIA AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR SECURITY OF VIETNAMESE WHO WILL DESIRE TO STAY IN CAMBODIA. GOC WILL ACCORD ALL FACILITIES TO VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE RESIDED IN CAMBODIA AND WHO AFTER REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM DURING LATEST EVENTS WILL HAVE SHOWN DESIRE TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA... YEM SAMBAUR BROUGHT SITUATION OF STATUS OF VIETNAMESE OF KHMER ORIGIN TO ATTENTION OF VIETNAMESE MINISTER WHO PROMISED TO STUDY IT IN SPIRIT OF SINCERE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, IN CONFORMITY WITH CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

C. "...THEY (THE TWO MINISTERS) PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO MUTUALLY RESPECT BORDERS WITHIN THE LIMITS PRESENTLY UNDER THE RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF EACH OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."

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COMMENT: THE LATTER CLAUSE AND LANGUAGE PARA 4 A ABOVE SEEMED TO MEET CAMBODIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR BORDER DECLARATION. LANGUAGE IS APPARENTLY SUFFICIENTLY AMBIGUOUS FOR GVN TO FEEL THAT SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE ACHIEVED ON THIS ISSUE.

D. MINISTERS "PLEDGE THEMSELVES IN NAME OF THEIR GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH AND TO DEVELOP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AT LEVEL OF EMBASSIES." COMMENT: EQUIVOCAL LANGUAGE INDICATES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NOT ESTABLISHED AS HAD BEEN FORECAST AS RESULT OF MEETING. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THERE WAS HARD BARGAINING AND THAT SCHEDULED PRESS DISPLAY DELAYED AT LEAST TWICE BEFORE COMMUNIQUE FINALLY ISSUED.

5. SHELL OIL REP INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FUEL CONSUMPTION DROPPED 13 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL IN APRIL AND IS DOWN 40 PERCENT IN MAY. DECREASED CONSUMPTION APPARENTLY DUE TO GOVERNMENT COMMANDERING OF TRUCKS AND BUSES WHICH MAKE FEWER TRIPS UNDER MILITARY AEGIS THAN PREVIOUSLY. IN ADDITION, INSECURITY IN COUNTRYSIDE AND CURFEW IN PHNOM PENH HAVE REDUCED DEMANDS FOR FUEL. BECAUSE OF REDUCED CONSUMPTION THE VARIOUS OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REBUILD STOCK LEVELS IN PHNOM PENH TO CAPACITY. THIS MEANS AT LEAST A THREE WEEKS SUPPLY FOR THE CITY.

6. SHELL

OIL REP ALSO REPORTED THAT FUEL TRUCKS UNABLE TO USE DIRECT ROUTE TO SIEM REAP BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO BRIDGE SOUTH OF KOMPONG THOM. HE FURTHER STATED THAT RAILROAD IS NOW READY FOR USE BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND THAILAND. FORMAL RESUMPTION OF SERVICE AWAITS ONLY OUTCOME OF TALKS TAKING PLACE.
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7. MILITARY. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED MORNING MAY 28 ONLY COMMENTS

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BRIEFER HAD WERE THAT DISTRICT TOWN OF TAING KHASANG, KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE WAS ATTACKED AND HELD BY VC/NVNA ON NIGHT OF MAY 27 AND PREY VENG TOWN ATTACKED. TAING KHASANG APPROX 20 KMS SOUTHEAST OF KOMPONG THOM CITY ON THE MAIN ROUTE WEST. BRIEFER ALSO MENTIONED THAT PREY VENG TOWN, PREY VENG PROVINCE, ATTACKED MAY 27 WITH FIGHTING IN STREETS. NEWS AS OF BRIEFING WAS THAT ENEMY FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN BY THIS MORNING. END UNCLASSIFIED.

A. DATT INFORMED THAT PREY VENG ATTACKED FROM 4 QUADRANTS NIGHTMAY 27-28 BY ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY BNS. VIET AIRSTRIKES REQUESTED BY FANK AND RECEIVED. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO CREDIT VC/NVNA WITH ABILITY TO MOUNT ATTACK BY FORCES THIS SIZE

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B. IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, TOWN OF SVAY RIENG, MORTARED DURING PM MAY 27 INJURING SEVERAL CIVILIANS.

C. IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, 2,000 VC/NVNA REPORTED LOCATED IN PLANTATION NORTH OF PREK KAK. (WU 59841) ENEMY COMMAND POST REPORTEDLY LOCATED VICINITY PREK KAK AIRSTRIP AT WU 6360. CAMBODIANS PASSED ON

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO DATT THAT CHICOM YECOP WITH ENEMY FORCES IN PREK KAK. COMMENT: SIMILAR REPORTS PICKED UP BY EMBASSY FROM PLANTATION SOURCES, WHO BECAME LESS CERTAIN UNDER CLOSE QUESTIONING.

D. IN EASTERN PREAH VIHEAR, WESTERN STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, DATT TOLD THAT ELEMENTS OF VC/NVA BN REPORTED IN AREA 20 KILOMETERS NORTH NORTHWEST OF CHHEP KANDAL (WA 4421). INFILTRATORS DAMAGED BRIDGE 2 KMS WEST OF CHHEP KANDAL. TWO ENEMY BNS BELIEVED LOCATED NEAR MEKONG RIVER JUST SOUTH OF LAOTIAN BORDER. PATHET LAO TROOPS REPORTED TO COMPRISE 15-20 PERCENT OF UNIT STRENGTHS. REPORTING INDICATES THESE ENEMY UNITS TRAVELLING IN SOUTHWESTWARD DIRECTION. COMMENT: CAMBODIAN TRAVELLER WHO JUST RETURNED FROM SIEM REAP INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT SIEM REAP-ANKOR AREA BEING REINFORCED AND THERE IS GENERAL ANTICIPATION WESTWARD MOVEMENT ENEMY FORCES. TRAVELLERS REPORT CAMBODIAN TROOPS BEING BROUGHT INTO TEMPLE RUINS AREA, APPARENTLY TO PRE-EMPT OCCUPATION BY ENEMY FORCES. GENERAL REASONS GIVEN FOR PROTECTION OF TEMPLE AREA IS THAT ENEMY OCCUPATION WOULD RESULT IN SEVERE DAMAGE AS WELL AS POSSIBLE OR PRETENDED INSTALLATION OF FUNK "GOVERNMENT" IN AREA WITH RESULTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON POPULATION.

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7. IN RATTANAKIRI PROVINCE, FRIENDLY FORCES IN THREE KEY TOWNS OF LOMPHAT, LAHANSHIEK AND BOKEO, STILL UNDER PRESSURE. AIRSTRIP AT LOMPHAT LOST TO ENEMY ON MAY 27, THEREBY CRITICALLY LIMITING RE-SUPPLY OF TOWN'S DEFENDERS. AIRSTRIP AT BUNG LUNG REMAINS IN FANK HANDS.

8. LOCAL PRESS. MOST LOCAL PAPERS NOTE WASHINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$7.9 MILLION US DONATION OF SMALL ARMS. PAPERS ALSO CARRY AIRPORT INTERVIEW OF NAY VALENTINE, FORMER AMBASSADOR IN PEKING WHO STATED THAT WHEN SIHANOUK RECEIVED A FOREIGNER (WHO HAD TO BE CLEARED BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES), THE "GOVERNMENT" DECAMPED AND STOOD IN THE CORRIDORS UNTIL THE AUDIENCE WAS TERMINATED. RETURNING CAMBODIANS ALSO

TOLD PRESS THAT THEY NEVER SAW THE THREE GHOSTS, MINISTERS HON YOUN, HOU NIM AND KHIEU SAMPHAN, ALTHOUGH THE REST OF SIHANOUK'S ENTOURAGE COULD BE SEEN IN PEKING.

9. THAI DEPUTY PM GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING TWO DAY VISIT, GENERAL PRAPHAT, THAI DEPUTY PRIMEMINISTER, GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE PM MAY 28 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR BANGKOK.

10. PRAPHAT SAID PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS: TO RETURN VISIT OF YEM SAMBAUR; MAKE NUMBER OF DECISIONS IN KEEPING WITH NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS; AND TAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS CONCERNING THAI AID TO CAMBODIA.

PRAPHAT SAID HE BELIEVED SITUATION IN CAMBODIA WAS CRITICAL.

11. PRAPHAT STATED NORMALIZATION INCLUDED ARRANGEMENTS ON AIR, SEA AND LAND COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS QUESTION OF BORDER SECURITY.

PRAPHAT INDICATED, UPON QUESTIONING, THAT THAI MILITARY ASSISTANCE WILL BE IN KEEPING WITH DETERMINATIONS MADE AT DJAKARTA CONFERENCE.

THAI DEPPM SAID THAT CRITERIA FOR ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA WOULD BE

BASED ON HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES. CLOSER QUESTIONING BY NEWSMEN OF DEFINITION OF HUMANITARIAN AID ELICITED RESPONSE THAT AID WOULD NOT BE

TO REFUGEES BUT RATHER MEDICAL SERVICES TO WAR INJURED. PRAPHAT SAID THAT CLOTHING AND CONSUMER GOODS WOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE.

12. CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. PRAPHAT TOLD NEWSMEN, HAD NOT REQUESTED

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SPECIFIC MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT HAS REQUESTED "SOMETHING" RELATED TO HUMANITARIAN AID AND SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF MILITARY HARDWARE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT FUTURE MILITARY AID, PRAPHAT SUGGESTED THAT "WE CAN'T ANSWER ABOUT THE FUTURE NOW".

13. PRAPHAT SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATION ON ARVN WITHDRAWAL OR REPLACEMENT BY THAI FORCES "WAS DISCUSSED".

14. CONCERNING SECURITY OF THAI-CAMBODIAN FRONTIER, PRAPHAT SAID "NOTHING HAS HAPPENED YET"; HOWEVER, IF INFILTRATION STARTS IN FUTURE "WE'LL TAKE MEASURES TO COPE WITH SITUATION." UPON QUESTION OF HIS ASSESSMENT OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION AFTER HIS VISIT, PRAPHAT SAID, "FROM INFORMATION AND OBSERVATION, SITUATION IS CRITICAL".

15. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT BUILDING WHICH HOUSES MINISTRY OF THE PLAN HEAR HOTEL ROYAL BEING REMODELED TO SERVE AS MORE EASILY DEFENDED
OFFICIAL LON NOL RESIDENCE. AT PRESENT LON NOL LIVES IN VILLA ON EXPOSED SOUTHWEST OUTSKIRTS OF PHNOM PENH.
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